

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 - 9. (Cancelled)

[[9]]10. (Currently Amended) A multilayer, self-sealing sack-like packaging ~~sack~~ medium, comprising a broad front side and a broad rear side joined by first and second narrower side areas, and closed at an upper end and a lower end, an opening for filling being free at the upper end, the packaging medium having an inner wall made of air-permeable material surrounded by an outer wall of air-impermeable material, wherein

a) on at least one of the front side and the rear side, the outer wall overlaps a subregion of up to 50% of the total area of the respective side to form an overlap region having an inner surface and an outer surface of the outer wall,

b) in the overlap region, the inner surface [[layer]] of the outer wall is perforated,

c) at edges of the overlap region, the edges of the inner and outer surfaces of the outer wall ~~two layers~~ lying one above the other are joined to each other by means of seams[[,]] forming [[a]] joints,

d) at one or both edges of the overlap region, the joint on the respective edge is interrupted over a continuous region which covers 10 to 50% of the total length of the joint to form an interruption through which gas exiting the sack through perforations can pass,

e) 10 to 50% of the area of the overlap region is provided with perforations, and

f) a distance of 0.5 to 10 cm from the edges of the overlap region at which the joint is interrupted is maintained free of perforations, such that upon filling of the sack, the two layers lying one above the other in the overlap region bear against each other forming a self-sealing seal.

[[10]]11. (Currently Amended) The packaging medium of Claim [[9]] 10, wherein the outer wall overlaps only on the rear side.

[[11]]12. (Currently Amended) Packaging medium of Claim [[9]] 10, wherein the outer wall overlaps over its entire length.

[[12]]13. (Currently Amended) Packaging medium of Claim [[10]] 11, wherein the outer wall overlaps over its entire length.

[[13]]14. (Currently Amended) The packaging medium of Claim [[9]] 10, wherein the interruption is in the upper half of the packaging medium.

[[14]]15. (Currently Amended) The packaging medium of Claim [[10]] 11, wherein the interruption is in the upper half of the packaging medium.

[[15]]16. (Currently Amended) The packaging medium of Claim [[11]] 12, wherein the interruption is in the upper half of the packaging medium.

[[16]]17. (Currently Amended) The packaging medium of Claim [[9]] 10, wherein the inner wall comprises paper, woven material of synthetic fibers or natural fibers, or nonwoven materials made of synthetic fibres or natural fibres.

[[17]]18. (Currently Amended) The packaging medium of Claim [[9]] 10, wherein the air-impermeable outer walls comprise a plastic film.

[[18]]19. (Currently Amended) In the transport and storage of particulate materials, the improvement comprising transporting or storing said particulate materials in a storage medium [[if]] of claim [[9]] 10.

[[19]]20. (Currently Amended) The transport and storage of claim 19,

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wherein said particulate material includes at least one particulate material selected from the group consisting of polymer powders, redispersible polymer powders, highly disperse silica, cement, gypsum, as dry mortar, flour, animal feed, and water-soluble cement plasticizers and thickening agents.